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In re application of

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: Group Art Unit 1641

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: Examiner Christine E. Foster

DIAGNOSIS OF GLAUCOMA BY
COMPLEX AUTOANTIBODY
REPERTOIRES IN BODY FLUIDS

: **Mail Stop Amendment**

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
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FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of April 20, 2006, wherein the Examiner requires restriction among (I) claims 1-18, (II) claims 19-21, (III) claim 22, and (IV) claims 23-26. In response to this requirement for restriction, Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of claims 1-18. This election is made while reserving Applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter of claims 19-26.

The Office Action also constitutes a requirement for election of species. Referring to item 3 beginning on page 4 of the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect species (a)(i), i.e. retinal antigens as the ocular antigens; and further elect species (b)(i), i.e. Western blot assay as the method of detection.

Claims 1-18 read on elected species (a)(i); and claims 1-11 and 15-18 read on elected species (b)(i).

Action on the merits of the elected invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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